

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

In the Final Office Action mailed May 12, 2009, claims 1-11, 13-25, and 27-40 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 13, and 27 are amended. No new claims have been added or canceled. Therefore, claims 1-11, 13-25, and 27-40 are present for examination. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Claims 1, 13, and 27 are independent claims. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Interview Summary

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner Khai Nguyen and Examiner Ahmad Matar for their time during the phone interview on August 4, 2009. Examiners Matar and Nguyen and Applicants' representative, Tadd Wilson, discussed the current rejection to clarify the issues at hand, discussed possible additions to the claims, and differences between the cited art and the present claims. The changes discussed are some of the changes included in the current amendments. As agreed in the interview, the claim amendments overcome the present obviousness rejection. Again, Applicants appreciate the Examiner's attention and assistance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 13-25 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as not falling within one of the four statutory categories of invention. Amendments to claim 13 render this rejection moot. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-11, 13-25 and 27-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,829,348 to Schroeder et al. ("Schroeder") in view of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0109555 to Williams ("Williams"). Applicants respectfully traverse the obviousness rejection. As explained in the interview summarized above, the amended claims overcome the present obviousness rejection. Therefore, Applicant's respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection and allow the claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in a condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early

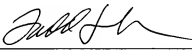
date is respectfully requested. Applicants do not acquiesce to any objection, rejection, or argument not specifically addressed herein. Rather, the Applicants believe the amendments and arguments contained herein overcome all objections, rejections, or arguments.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (303) 863-2987.

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